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CAMBRIDGE, LORD

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PRIVIE COVNSELL.

MY most Honorable



HE Great GOD who honoureth these that honour him, hath honoured your Le. with many graces both spiritually and temporally: As

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spirit of IESVS truely is, that man will goe from graceto grace: He (faid Ioh. 15, 5. our Master,) that abideth in mee, and I in him, the fame bringeth

foorth much fruite.

As for the TEMPORALL, your L. is the first of the Royall blood in this Land after his MAIESTIE: You are the Sonne of the most wife and worthy Father, who in his lyfe was a most fast friend both to CHURCH

and Commonn-wealth. The Lord also bath made you the Sonne of a most Religious and Noble Lady, even of a Lady LYDIA, whole heart the LORD in great mercy hath opened, for to let in and lodge the

KING of GLORY. After my fixtiene yeeres absence in Fraunce at my returne I arrived at KINNEILL, where her Ladiship received mee with such courtefie, that fall never want my most heartly and hamble thankes.

In testimonie of my great desire to farue your L. I present you with these

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EARLES, viz. GRACE and GLO-Y, which are from him, whom ZA-HARIE in his Song calleth OR 1is ab alto, the day ipring from on ch: In this fermon you will fee whofe ounsell you should cheefly seeke: All e counsell of men with the counsell Achitophell may easily bee turned to follie; but heere is the counsell at failed never, even the COVN-ELL of GoD: * When ever your o. is for to deliberate upon any grane ed weightie matter, let this secreet aculation first goe before, LORD. uide mee with thy Counsell, and afrward receive mee to Glory. The whole Church of Britaine

off humbly intreats your L. to contite in your good course and courage r GODS glory: Read often these ords of good MORDECAI to Ester. hinke not with thy selfethat thou hall escape in the Kings house: For thou altogether holdest thy peace at its tyme, then shall there enlargetent and deliverance arise to Gods eople from another place, but thou and thy Fathers house shall bee de-

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stroyed: And who knoweth whether thou art come to such honour for such a tyme as this? Your Lo. sitteth at the common-sterne; Helpe vs with your power, and wee will

helpe you with our prayers. Let it please your L. to take this Ser-

monin good part, though it be but little.

* At the making of the Tabernacle not only were the great and rich presents acceptable, as PVRPLE, SCARLET, and BLVE SILK, but also RAMMES SKINNES, and GOATES HAIRE, which the poorer fort was able onely to affoord.

For to make an end by humble prayen to GOD for your L. I intreat the most high, the God of Maiestie and mercie, to make your heart stable and valuementable in holinesse, till hee bash

in you crowned his graces with glorie.

At Glasgow the 13 of Februar 1629,

Your Lo.
Most humble and obe

dient Servaut.
Mr. Zacharib Bon
Preacher of GODS
WORD, at
GLASGOW.

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1. Theff. 3.13.



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THE TEXT,

Psal. 73. 24. Thou shalt guide mee with thy counsell, and afterward receive me to glory,



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N my former Sermon yee heard of Go p his favours bestowed vpon his servant: both in tyme present, and in tymes by past: As for said, I am continually

the present he said, I am continually with thee: As for the tyme past, he said

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Thou hast holden mee with thy right hand: In this verse his soule is riding at the anchor of hope: Hee is vpholden with the expectation of good things for times to come, Thou shalt guide mee with thy counsell and afterward receive mee to glorie: That is, Thou shalt direct the whole course of my lyse by thy wisedome and power, and after that thou hast brought mee thorow many tribulations and afflictions thou shalt sirst gloriouslie deliner mee in this lyse, and after this lyse thou shalt glorise me besides thy selfe in the Heavens for ever: Heere is both Grace and Glory,

THE DIVISION OF THE TEXT

In the words we shall particularly consider these source things 1. Who is this guider: The guider is God; Thou shalt guide. 2. Who is guided, it is David: Thou shalt guide me. 3. wherewith, with thy counsell, Thou shalt guide me with thy counsell. 4. Wherewito, even unto glorie; And afterward thou shalt receive me to Glorier Of these in order.

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THE FIRST PART.

TEE who is faid to guide, heere is The Lord the great Governour of he world: Hee is hee, who gives eyes to the blind and feete to the lame: He is he whose a eyes are open upon all the wayes of the Sonnes of men: As the Pillar of fire was Israels guide by night, and by day became a Pillar of a Cloud for their guard behind them, betweene them and the Egyptians, even so the LORD GOD is our guide & our guard; Our guid like a Pillar of fire in darknesse shewing vs the way, our guard, like a Pillar of a clowd behind vs hiding vs from the cruell Pharao's, the enemies of our falvation.

All that is to bee required in a guide is in him in all perfection: In a good guide these foure things are chiefly required: 1. that hee see: 2. that hee be wife. 3. that hee bee willing. 4. that he be able to direct and goe before in the way.

1. As for the first, There is none that sees so clearly as the Lord: * lonn fawe

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b Exod.

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lawe his eyes both bright and burb. Revel. ning b as a flame of fire: He must fee 1.14. most clearely, who by his word inc. Pfal. lighteneth mans eyes: This was the 19.8. Pialmists reasoning d Hee that formed d. Pfal. the eye shall he not see? All other 94. 9. guides are but like these Pharisees . Mat.

whom Christ called . Blind guides. 23. 16. 2. A guide had neede to be a wife Note. man: * There bee many difficulties

f. Exod.

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nesse, before they could enter into Canaan, so must wee passe & thorow many tribulations before that we can come to glory: There is no wisedome but the wisedome of Go D, which can lead vs into that land of Righteousnesse.

betweene vs and heaven: As the peo-

ple of God went thorow f a Wilder-

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3. As a guide must bee wife, so must hee bee willing: * The LORD is most willing to guide all wandering sinners: His delight is to doe good to the Children of men: Hee will most lovingly say to a wearied sinner, that which DAVID saith in the Psalme, h I mill instruct thee, and teach thee in the way that thou

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4. As God is wife and willing, fo s he able to make way vnto his wne; whether it bee thorow fire r water, no thing can withstand his ower: In the fire fornace he made way vnto the i three Children: The k red sea hee divided for to make a passage for his owne Israel: Hee who made the 1 mantle of Elijab to divide the Iordan, that Elisha might passe through: And Hee who can of a m Camell make a threed for to passe thorow a needles eye. can easily guide his owne through all dangers and difficulties whatfoever, were it through the " Valley of the shadow of death.

The doctrine I gather heere is, that the Lor D is hee, who is the furest guide in the world; Flesh o and heart may faile man, but the LORD never faileth. There bee no man fo wife in guiding, but his wifedome at last, like P Ahitophels Counsell may bee turned into folie, but 9 the folie of GOD is miser than all the

wisedome of men.

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k. Exod. 14. 21.

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The vse: Let this ever bee a part of our prayer, that the LORD would be our guide. * He who guided the two kine to * Bethshemesh, though

they lowed for the love of their Calues, can easily find to vs an outgate in the greatest throng of all our temptations, and that unto the praise of the glory of his grace.

THE SECOND PART.
WHO IS GVIDED.

OW let vs see whom the Lord is said to guide heere: Thou shalt guide mee, saith the Seer.

* Consider and weigh well I pray you, how this great man of GoD, a Prophet, a Seer, trusteth not into his owne wits, but committeth himselfe altogether to GoDs guiding

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The dollrine I observe is, that weake to be guided by the Lord: If any have neede of a guide, sooles have neede: wee are all but sooles by nature: David in this Psalme acknowledgeth his folly, So foolish, (saith

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hee,) was I and ignorant, I was a beast before thee.

* While a man finneth, hee is like a man runne out of his wits, while hee repenteth, hee is like one returned to his wits againe: A man once out of his right wit can never know the way to returne vnto it, vntill the Lord guide him home againe.

The vse: Let none of vs all rely vpon our owne wisedome: Let not the wise man glory in his wisedome, nor the strong man in his strength.

When David both a King and a

Prophet, declareth that he hath neede to be guided, who is he who by his owne wisedome can walke in the way of Righteousnesses. All men are sinners: By sinne a man is missed from the right way. * Sinne maketh a man both like a Planet, and a Comet, like a Comet in substance silthy, like a Planet, in course ever wandring to and fro: All the wicked are but corruptible Comets, and unconstant wandering Planets, which wander so farre from the Lord that the spirit of God hath given

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on a blind foole, cast out first that ame that is in thine eye: The sence favoring is gone. While the word preached, there is a b favour of unto life: Where CHRIST the Rose of Sharon, and the Lilly of the alleys is preached, there may bee It dasweet smelling savour, like that oftly . Spikenard of Mary, which lled the house with a sweet odour; ut wee are naturally like these, who re ever amongst odoure and dung, ot able to find any favour at all: Dur touching and our tasting is lost: Thomas after hee had f touched, by race hee beleived: By grace also the bloody woman in touching was heaed: But all men by nature are like hese h multitudes, which in the throng ouched CHRIST, but were not touched with that vertue that came out of him. As for our tasting, none by nature can i taste and see how good is the LORD: It is onely by grace that wee haue our senses exercifed. * Thus as yee fee the Soule of man

is naturally deprived of its fine sen-

a. Math. 7. 5.

b. 2. Cor 2. 16. c. Cant.

2. I.

d. Ephel. 5. 2.

e. John. 13. 3.

f. Tohn. 20. 29.

2. Math. 9. 21.

h. Luke. 8. 45.

i. Heb.

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God appointed, for to lead the Soule from grace to glory. * And which Note is the mischeefe of all, not onely ar wee naturally deprived of all our fine spirituall senses, but also of that Commoun sense, wherewith wee should judge of the other fenses. Note: * The blind man by no fense, but by commoun fense can know that he is blind, and so of the deafe man: But if hee while hee is deafe and blind, hee think that hee heares & fees, hee hath loft his commoun sense: This is the folie of man, while hee wants the spirituall senses, hee knows not his wants: * This was the difease of Laodicea, shee said that shee k. Revel. k had neede of nothing; but Go D faid, that shee had lost her commoun sense because shee knew not that shee was wretched and miserable, and poore and blind, and naked: To all fuch the very wisedome of GOD is foly, till God begin to guide them. Underfrands thou what thou readeth? faid Philip to that Enuch, reading the Prophecie of Isaiah: 1 How can I (faid he) 31

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cept that some guide mee? So may fay to you all, Vnderstand yee hat is your duetie both to God man in this world? Know vee way that leades to life eternall? w can wee, (may yee well fay,) cept that GOD guide vs?

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et vs therefore never rely vpon wisedome of slesh and blood. to bee guided thereby: The mifme of flesh is enimitie against GOD: The wisedome of God befooles it: ee who is wifest in his owne eyes, the greatest foole in Go p his ht. It is not the wisedome of is world, whereby the Church on rth is guided, or hath her stanng: It is by him, who confundit pientiam sapieptum, hath m made lish the wisedome of this world.

His custome is to make his wifome appeare in folie, and to make is n strength to bee made perfect in weakneffe, as he manifested him elfe v fire in the midst of water, while it was agreed vpon by Elijah and Ba-Is Priests, that o the GOD that should inswere by fire should be GOD. B

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THE THIRD PART. WHEREWITH GOD GVIDET his Servant.

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p. Zach. 6. 13.

9. Pfal. 34: 14. Note:

r. Att. 20, 27:

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7 OW in this third part of ou Text, wee haue to confidder wherewith the man of GODS hear defireth to bee guided: It is with Gods counsell: Thou shalt guide m with thy counsell.

The counfell of God is by Zacharie called, P The counsell of peace; whereby man is counselled to feeke Gods peace and man's peace, according to that of the Pfalme, I feeke peace and follow after it. * Gods Coun-Sell Booke is the Bible: our preachingstend all to this, that wee make you vnderstand the counsell of God that yee may be guided thereby: That was a great word that St. Paul faid to the Elders at Miletum I have not shunned to declare vnto you all the counsell of God: our lyfe is a warrefare, and therefore wee have great neede of Counfell; for Counfell and strength are for the warre.

Before I come to the doctrines: vs confidder how God giveth his unfell vnto his beloued ones: The rd counselleth man after two ners especialy, 1. outwardly, 2. inrdly: outwardly the Lord letteth en know his minde after two mars, 1. By the workes of nature. hich while a man of a fanctified re feeth them fo contrined & guided, is wonderfull, he receiveth counfell hereby, to feare and reuerence fo reat a maiestie: The invisible things God, faith Paul, are clearely seene, eing understood by the things that re made: Behold in the things that re made, wee haue a counfell, makelig vs to vnderstand the invisible hings of our God, even his power & sodhead, 2. By the preaching of the vord, the Lord guideth vs as by his ounsell.

Againe inwardly the Lord guides man, by the motions of his Spirit, which is effectuall in all the Children of election: * This Spirit hath divers and very fecret flirrings in the heart of man: whiles " hee knockes at the B 2 doore

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doore of our heartes, counselling vs to open and let him in: whiles he puteth his finger in x by the whole of the doore, letting drops of myrrhe fall downe upon the handle of the barre, which is a fweete altureing counfell, for to make vs arise out of the bed of our fecuritie, for to feeke him and follow after him: scmetimes he courfells vs to take in good part all the chastisements of our God, from this hee is called z the comforter: sometimes hee teacheth vs to stand in awe to offend the LORD our God, from this is he called a the Spirit of the feare of the Lord: Againe while he counseleth vs to be holie, he is cailed b the Spirit of holines: while he counselleth vs to love trueth, and flie from lies, he is called e the spirit of trueth: while hee quickeneth our dead Soules, he is called a the spirit of lyfe: while he inlighteneth the mind with knowledge of things to come, hee is called e the Spirit of prophecie: In a word because hee maketh man of quick vnderstanding?

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The Spirit of God guideth men by dreames and visions: * So by reame hee counselled Pilats Wife counfell her husband not to trouble sus: h when he was set downe on the dgement seat, his wife sent unto him, ying, Haue nothing to doe with that It man: for I have suffered many ings this day in a dreame because of im: All this was from the counsell of God: I'bleffe the Lord, (faid David) sho hath given mee counsell: my reines To instruct mee in the night season: While others are fleeping the godly nan hath a doctour in his reines guiding him with counsell, whereby hee may bee made k wife to Salvation. The chiefe doctrine I obserue heere,

is, that the counsell of God is that whereby a man is guided on earth:

Counsell is mine and sound wisedome,
I am understanding faith the LORD,
The vse, Hee that desires to be well guided, let him intreat the Lord

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earnestly to guide him with his counfell, outwardly by his word, and in. wardly by his Spifit: let vs in all cur affaires ever feeke counsell from the Lord: If wee feeke it, hee will not refuse it: " Call vpon mee, (said he,) and I will answere thee and sheme the great and mightie things which thou wee would bee knowest not: * It guided by Gods counfell, let vs first feeke earnestly the " Spirit of counsell, and therafter let vs carefully meditate night and day of that which is in the Biole, the BOOKE of COVNSEL: * That which the o PILLAR of FIRE was in the night to Ifrael, that is the counfell of GOD to all Israelites indeede, yea and more; for that PILLAR of FIRE could not make the blind to fee; But the Counsell of GOD Meira Henaym P inlighteneth the eyes making wife the fimple: * A wife man may gine a good counsell to a foole, but onely GOD by his counsell can make a foole wife: feeing it is fo, let vs bee earnest in all our difficulties to come & feeke the Lords counsell in his Church,

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and they walked in their owne counsels:

4. Pfal. 73:17.

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c: Prover: 19: 21:

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That is they became their owne comfellers: Woe to that man, who dependeth upon his owne counfell. It is written, that Ifraell I would not maite for his counfell; But what followed upon that? Hee fent learned into their foule: Because they I provoked him by their counsell, he brought them lowe for their iniquitie, till they a were filled with the owne devices.

* By this the trueth of the wife mans faying is cleare, The b comsels of the wicked are decest, where by they themselves are deceived, e ven then when they think most tode ceiue both GOD and man. It was wisely said by Solomon, There c an many devices in a mans heart, neverthelesse, the counsell of the LORD, that shall stand; Yea faith the IORD, My d counsell shall stand, and I will doe all my pleasure. This is the counfell that will never faile. It is reported of a certaine godly man, that when ever hee came home to his house malecontent, hee cryed for GODS BOOKE of COUNSELL, fayCOM-

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with itanding all the LORDS counfells: Of this the LORDS complaines in Ieremie, h They bane, (faid hee,) turned unto mee the backe, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up earely, yet they have not hearkned to for to receive instruction. The most part of men are guided by the countell, not of GOD, but of flesh and

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breake i out by swearing and lying, & committing adulterie, till blood touch blood: Flesh and blood are but dead things: * These who seeke counsell from them, are like thefe, who in

their trouble had recourse vnto .Wizards that peepe and mutter: Now

blood, whose advice is, that they

what faith the LORD to fuch? Should k not a people seeke vnto their GOD? for the living to the dead? No not; To the lawe and to the Testimonie: This is the LORDS COVNSELL-

BOOKE: If any contemne this counfell, it is because there is no murning in them; # That is, they are without all knowledge in the blacke night of ignorance, where they have never feene , not the meanest light of grace, no coun fo much as the least glimmering laines of ight, which appeareth at the dawhee,) in or breake of day.

man that is not godly hath marifing ny Counfellers, and they all tend vnrkned to his ruine: * The LORD our most DD taking a speciall care of vs, countries, (laith hee,) bee found amongst they we that is a regarder of times, or a g, & Jarker of the flying of fowles, or a touch harmer, or that counselleth With Spidead ats, or that asketh counsell at the unfell and. * See wherevnto the folio of man carieth him, that from GOD as greatest friend hee runneth away or to feeke counfell from ill spirits is greatest enemies: And againe, what a brutish folie is this, that a iving man should runne to seeke countell from the dead, who have no counsell for them elues? The wife man faid truely, There " is no worke, por device, nor knowledge, nor Wifedome in the grave: * That must be a flight COVNSELL-HOVSE. wherein is neither device, knowledge,

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haue an eare for GOD, and an other for Sathan, the World, and their own corruptions: Woe vnto them that feels countell, but not from the LORD the LORD at last shall curfe all succounsels, and with the counsels of A hitophell hee o shall turne them introolishnesse.

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p: Pfal: 106:13

q: Deut: 31: 28: Note. r: 1sa: 47:14: Note.

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hitophell hee o shall turne them into foolishnesse. As for you Brethren and Sifters when ever yee finde your felues in perplexitie or anguish, be not like these of whom it is said in the Psalme P They maited not for his counsell This is that wherewith good Moles branded Ifrael in his heavenly fong. a They were a nation voide of counsells * Many are voide of GODS Counfell, who like Babylon r are mearied in the multitude of their owne counfels: * Well are the counsels of the wicked called a multitude of counfels. for fuch men haue no certaine refolution, but are whiles f on this line and whiles on that line, now on this precept and then on that precept, heere a little and there a little, like that wandring Leuite, who did goe to fojourns tha

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ne : where he might finde a place, ing fure of no place: Such in their ings " goe, and fall backward, they broken, and snared, and taken: fleremie in a muddie mind, while flesh did fret, said vnto GOD wife counseller * O LORD thou deceined mee, and I have beene eined, O howe shall the wicked eday curse their Counsellers, the ltitudes of their counsellers, Satan, flesh, and the world, which are a companie of deceivers, and a ry knot of knaues.

Let vs heere againe obserue, that eat is the prerogative of Gods hildren: * They are all Gods: DRDS of Counfell: He is indeede LORD of counsell, that can take ODS counfell: All the children GOD have this honour to bee of ODS Counfell: for whom GOD ides with his counfell, these hee ts vpon his counsell: y furely, (faith mos,) the LORD GOD will doe thing, but hee renealeth his secrets ato his servants the Prophets: : * Hee at is the z friend of GOD, as The do-

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g: Amos: 3: 7:

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a: Gen: 18: 17. b: 1: Cor: 2: 16, Note. Abraham was, shall bee one of PRIVIE COVNSELL: whenever occurre, that is needefull to knowne shall not bee concea'ed from him. I shall I hide from Abraham that hing which I doe? (faid the LOAD wee have the minde of CHRIST (faid the Apostle:) * Behold how the LORD guides his owne, so with his Counsell, that in a maner hee put teth his minde into them.

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The vie: Let the children of GOI comfort themselves with this, the what ever calamities shall befall via to them, the LORD shall guide them so with his counsell, that in all their temptations they shall come to a happy coutgate: By his counsell is shall let him knowe how they shall come out of tribulation: * According to this, the Prophet Michael to the Church in her affliction of now Why doest thou cry out aloud! Is there no King in thee? Is thy counseller perished? for pangs have taken thee as a Woman in travell.

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then, and thrise happie is hee, who GOD in this lyse guideth with a Counsell, for afterward he shall neine him to glory: This last week in the last part of our Text.

While my penne was heere, my deare Brother Mr. Robert Scot sleept, Anno Dom. 1629, the 27. of Ianuar, on a Weddinsday, a litle before nine houres in the morning.

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This is the last part of our Text and this is the last of all GODs benefits: * This is GODS good nesses which crowneth all his other mercies, when he receiveth vs is glory: when he hath done all the good that can bee done vnto vs in this lyse, by beeing with vs continually and by holding vs by our right hand and guiding vs by his counsell, all end with

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eere wee haue to consider two gs, 1. the time of receiving a man lory, it is, afterward, 2. What it bee received to glory.

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faid to receive a Soule to glory, heere fet downe in the word TERWARD: that is, after that DD hath ledde mee with his counhe shall receive mee to glory. The doctrine which breefly I serve heere, is, that it is the counford GOD, which guideth to glory: e way is grace, grace, from grace grace: The end of all is glory: This is, the Sea whereinto all goodings end like rivers running to their ther the Ocean, from whence they came.

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The vie. Hee who would be ceiued to glory, let him bee led with GOD his counfell: If thou n fule to bee guided by his counse he shall refuse to receive thee toglor k Because I have called, (faid with dome,) and yee refused, I have strett edout my hand and no man regard &c. And therefore I also will lan at your calamitie, I will mocke Wh your feare commeth.

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The other doctrine I observe heen is, a doctrine of patience, for the that are in affliction: After man tribulations the LORD at last she receive them to glory.

The vse. What ever our affliction be, let vs not be discouraged: The age but for a time, yea the time short, that done, afterward our GOI shall receive vs to glory: The Lor shall free vs then from all our wood Though wee mourne now, yet after mard wee shall laugh, and GOD sta wipe all tears from our eyes.

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gh 1 AFTER my skinne wormes by this body, (faid lob,) yet in lesh shall I see GOD: * That is ppy destruction whereby we are ght vnto the sight of GOD: Ony bodie so bee destroyed, that Soule may see GOD, till AFTERARD both in stesh and spirit I I see him, and none other for merain this tyse onely wee have hope CHRIST, were are of all men most brable: All the comforts of the dly are cheesly in AFTERVVARD. This is the Martyres song in the: AFTERVVARD thoushalt receive to Glory.

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is thy comfort O man, AFTERVAN the LORD shall receive thee to glor. This is a salue for all fores. * GOD

his Affertvand is like the last wint in that Banquet of Cana: At other

Bankets in the beginning men did fet foorth good wine, and when men had well drunke the worst came last; but in Christ Banket the last wa hest. It is to of the life of all true

best: It is so of the life of all true Christians: Many are the troubles of the Righteous, it is said in a Psalme, but Aftervard it is said The Pena

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ner in 4 one bed, yea; and in one lly, in one house, in one i mill; one shall bee taken, and the oshall bee refused: They will be ther in the world: The wicked bee swiming in his wealth, while Godly man shall be mearied with * But tarry alitle, till the Godman come to his AFTER VVARD, and wicked man to his, and then ke choise on whose side yee will : I : haue seene, (faid David,) wicked in great power, and spreag himselfe like a greene bay tree: hold not an eare, but an eye mite:I haue seene him, saith hee, a braue but what was the end and conclun of so faire a preface? Tet hee Ted away, and loe hee was not:

O David what fayest thou? Loe e was not: It may bee thou fought m not: Tea I fought bim, (said Dad.) but I could not find him: Beold now his AFTERVVARD: Take vp w our greene bay tree: All is wiered like that " Gourd of Ionah; ut = marke the perfect man, and beld the vpright, for the end of that 37.

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But as for thee, who can fay to od, as is faid in the verse before, am continually with thee, the LORD all hold thee by thy right hand, ee shall guide thee with his countly, and in the despight of all the owers of hell, AFTERVVARD He wall receive thee to glory.

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fee wherevnto hee shall bee received, Thou, (faid hee,) shalt receive mee to glory.

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* In the Hebrew it is Canod Ti kacheni, that is, as Arias hath turned it, gloriam accipies me, thou shall receive mee glory: The words though in that exposition they seeme to b difficile are of great weight: The wordes, Thou Shalt receive mee gl ry, import such a glory, that he who shall bee glorified thereby shall a manner, glory it felfe bee in when in the Gospell, as in a glass wee behold the glory of the LORD, wee are changed into this sam image from glory to glory; how much more shall wee all bee changed into glory, when in the Heavens with open face wee shall behold our Gon, not as in a glasse, or by represent

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* The word glory in the original, is Cauod, that is weighty: It is fo called from its weightinesse: To this the Apostle seemes to look, when hee saith, that down light affi-

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ction, which is but for a moment, keth for us a farre more exceedand eternall weight of glory: Such an euerlasting PONDVs ght, can no more be weighed he heart of man; then a mile or a mountaine can bee weighed the little scale of a gold Ballance, herein I pray you can an exceedweight bee contained ? if it could e contained, it should not bee ceeding: As it is infinite, exceeding dimensions, so it is not subject to y circumstance of time, for it is ernall . * By this eternitie, the ory of God is distinguished from the ory of the world, which is but n evanishing shewe: • All flesh is rasse: (saith the Apostle,) and all e glory of man as the flower of the rasse: The grasse withreth, so doeth I flesh; and the flowre of the grasse asset have a glory f man: * Nay the glory of man not so great as the glory of graffe: his the Lord declared when preachng vpon the lillies, hee faid, that Solomon in all his glory wasnot one like

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their glory? and that of all states? I furely men of low degree are vanish, and men of high degree are a lye, tolan them upon a ballance they are alwayether lighter than vanitie: * All the glory of sless can no more be called meightie, then a painted man can bee called a man: It is indeed some-what like unto it; but it hat nothing of its definition: It is but a painted glory, like a feast in print, wherein is no meate but resemblances, figures, coloures; and representations: Now let us proceede.

Afterwards thou shalt receive mee to glory,

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* Lory as yee see heere, is the resting place of the Saints. There is no right rest for a Soule, till it be received there; the place is called G L O R Y, because G OD there manifesteth his glory: There the eyes of thy Soule O man, shall see the thinges which heep never sawe: There thine eares shall heare that which eare never heard

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In the names of Heaven many onforts beinfolded: If while we are heere wee are croffed and toffed with much griefe and forrow, our Comtot is this, that Heaven is our o Masters jog: If wee loath & abhorre Me filthie stink of sinne, Heaven is a P tradise, a Garden of Heavenly owers, where is the 9 Rose of . San, and the Lillie of the Valleyes: here is the fweet favour of God, whom is the favour r of lyfe vnlyfe, of the lyfe of grace vnto e lyfe of glory: If wee bee heere lodged, aboue are prepared for s thefe everlasting f tabernacles. ven a building t of GOD, not made ith hands: If wee bee wearied Pilgrims

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grims heere, there is an everlasting rest: If wee bee naked heere, there wee shall be arrayed u in white rober,

If wee bee hungrie heere, there is the * Tree of lyfe; If wee bee thirfly heere, there is that pure, cleane,

cleere, and Cristall River, whereof the Streames make glad the Citie of GOD,

Heere let vs observe diverse vse of this Doctrine, and that both for Comfort and for Counsell; for comfort wee have both for the living and dring.

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for the dying: Seeing there be such commodities in that other world, wee should desire gladely to slit and remove from this sinfull world: I is this wee grone earnestly, desiring to be clothed upon with our house, which is from Heaven, While wee are at home in this body, wee are absent from the Lord: Heere is meekle toile and turmoile, meekle shame and sorrow, and which is the mischiese of all, heere is meekle sinne

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ion, rest, peace, and z pleasures for rmore. * While I think on these for the living GOD: 0! When I come, and appeare before GOD? Let all Godly men comfort themfelies with this against the feare of onth, after that be the time of their beinging is come, the LORD shall be eine them to glory. * The voice ome from Heaven with a command write, Write, (faid the Spirit to John. What shall I write? faid Iohn rite, c Blessed are the Dead which in the LORD, from hencefoorth, m, faith the Spirit, that they may from their labours : Such goe t away without good companie, as the Spirit said to John, their rkes doe follow them: The hearing this should make all sanctified bules, fay with the Apostle, 4 I deto bee dissolved, and to bee with HRIST, which is meekle better mee.

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discharged to come, where sinne, ficknesse, forrow, hunger, cold, and nakednesse might get no entrie? 0 what multitudes would fwarme this ther: Two e Mules burden of that earth should bee more precious than burdens of gold: All that a man hath, gladly will hee gine f it for his life: How meekle then should we thinke our felues obliged to Gon, who hath prepared a Countrey glory for vs, a Countrey where the Tree & of life groweth, where their dwellers shall line in everlasting hap pinesse, which for greatnesse can not enter into the heart of man: Oh that wee had faith to beleeue this, to should wee not delight so much to wallow in the muddie mires of sinful mortalitie. Oh that wee had faith to believe, so should wee cry, ho who will give us the wings of a Dom, that wee might flie vp to that Palace of i Pleasures for evermore: The tongues of Angels can not expresse the least glory that is there: St. Augustine hath a notable speach concerning this.

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hat is: It is more easy to tell what not, then what is, in eternall lyfe: bere is neither death, nor forrow, · Wearine fe, nor hunger, nor thirst, heat, &c. But wilt thou know hat is there? That which eye hath seene, nor eare heard, neither th it ascended into the heart of in: If it can not ascend into the art of man, let the heart of man Cend unto it.

Againe heere is a comfort for The 2 ve living, that mourne for the dead. It is naturall to mourne for the ence of these whom wee haue loheere. When Elisha sawe Elicaught vp and caried away thow the clowdes, hee cryed, k My ther my father, the chariot of Isra-

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lamented fore his a bsence, but in was his great comfort; that he him received to glory: Yee who fatherlesse or motherlesse, * Lo not to the Church-yeard wherey sathers and mothers are rottime rotten; comfort your selues in the God b hath received them to glove yee once busbands and now dowes, remember your wives who once were your glory, (The 1 mosts the glory of the man,) heer

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dowes, remember your wives wh once were your glory, (The 1 won is the glory of the man,) heere your comfort, the LORD hath ceived them to glory: Likewife women, who nowe heavily regr thefe, whose glory once yee we It was a great glory indeede them to have fuch subjects as yo for this cause is the woman called glory of the man: Comfort your felu with this, the glory of your h bands is greater now, they are ceived to glory: So is it of you Children and dearest friends, who departed out of this lyfe, CHRIS hath received them all to glory, who

is the perfection of all the guifts of God

is doctrine ferues for the comoth of the living, and of the fo also it serves for counsell living: The counsel is this, these who are guided with counfell, are afterward receiglory, strine yee to be guided his counfell: If yee defire to be after this life, if also yee defire que a comfort behind you to that shall lament your absence, well fo long as yee are heere. we may comfort your mourners this, that CHRIST hath receijou to glory.

then a wicked man is dead, I not what to fay to his sponse: na wicked wyfe is dead, I know what to fay to her husband: what ld I fay to fuch? Such have alreaheir comforts in their bosome, that or she is well away: Such quie ly h in their sleeve, while for shame aly they must seeme to mourne: This is the just recompence of re-

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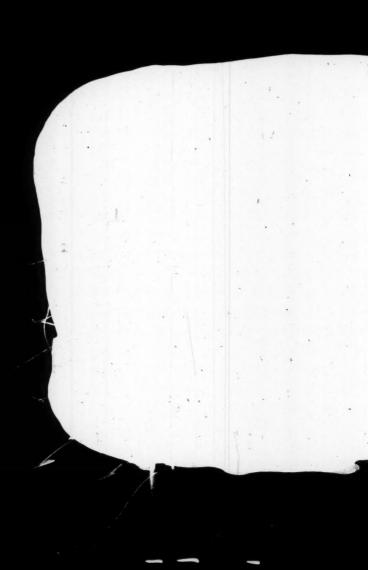
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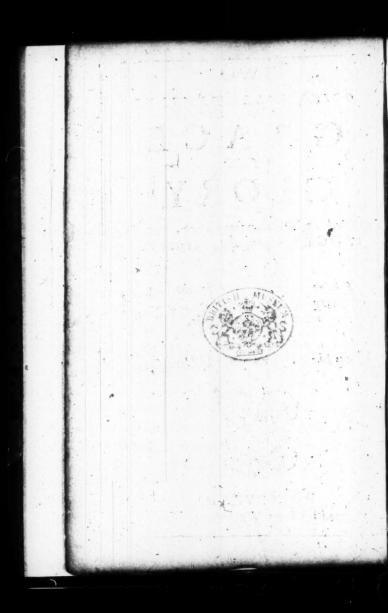
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your L. hash already given a certaine proofe: wee all looke for more as occasion shall serve: In whomsoever the spirit of IESVS truely is, that man will goe from grace to grace: He (faid our Master,) that abideth in mee, and I in him, the same bringeth foorth much fruite.

eAs for the TEMPORALL, your L. is the first of the Royall blood in this Land after his MAIESTIE: You are the Sonne of the most wife and worthy Father, who in his lyse was a most fast friend both to CHURCH and Commoun-wealth.

The Lord also bath made you the Sonne of a most Religious and Noble Lady, even of a Lady Lydia, whose heart the Lord in great mercy has hopened, for to let in and lodge the KING of GLORY. After my fixteeney were subsence in Fraunce at my returne I arrived at KINNEILI, where her Ladiship received mee with such courtesse, that shall never want my most heartly and humble thankes.

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the counsell of men with the counsell of Achitophell may easily bee turned into follie; but heere is the counsell that failed never, even the COVN-

SELL of GoD: * When ever your Lo. is for to deliberate upon any grane and weightie matter, let this secreet

ejaculation first goe before, LORD guide mee with thy Counsell, and af-

terward receive mee to Glory. The whole Church of Britaine

most humbly intreats your L. to continue in your good course and courage for GODS glory: Read often these words of good MORDECAI to Ester.

Thinke not with thy selfe that thou shall escape in the Kings house: For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this tyme, then shall there enlarge-

ment and deliverance arise to Gods people from another place, but thou and thy Fathers house shall bee de-

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For to make an end by humble prayers to GOD for your L. I intreat the me ft high, the God of Maiestie and recreie, to make your heart stable and vallameable in holinesse, till hee bath in you crowned his graces With glorie.

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Thou hast holden mee with thy right hand: In this verse his soule is riding at the anchor of hope: Hee is vpholden with the expectation of good things for times to come, Thou shalt guide mee with thy counsell and afterward receius mee to glorie: That is, Thou shalt direct the Whole course of my lyse by thy wisedome and power, and after that thou hast brought mee thorow many tribulations and afflictions thou shalt sirst gloriouslie deliuer mee in this lyse, and after this lyse thou shalt glorise me besides thy selfe in the Heavens for ever: Heere is both Grace and Glory.

THE DIVISION OF THE TEXT

In the words we shall particularly consider these source things 1. Who is this guider: The guider is God; Thou shalt guide. 2. Who is guided, it is David; Thou shalt guide me. 3. wherewith, with thy counsell, Thou shalt guide me with thy counsell. 4. Wherevento, even unto glorie; And afterward thou shalt receive me to Glorie: Of these in order.

THE FIRST PART. THE GVIDER.

T TEE who is faid to guide, heere is t guide I the Lord the great Governour of ard reon shalt the world: Hee is hee, who gives lyfe by eyes to the blind and feete to the lame: er that He is he whose a eyes are open upon all

the wayes of the Sonnes of men: As the many Pillar of fire was Israels guide by ne Shalt bis lyfe, night, and by day became a Pillar of a Cloud for their guard behind them. rific me

ens for betweene them and the Egyptians, even so the LORD GOD is our guide &

our guard; Our guid like a Pillar of fire in darknesse shewing vs the way, our guard, like a Pillar of a clowd be-

hind vs hiding vs from the cruell Pharao's, the enemies of our falvation. All that is to bee required in a guide

is in him in all perfection: In a good guide these foure things are chiefly required: 1. that bee fee: 2. that bee be wife. 3. that hee bee willing. 4. that he be able to direct and goe before in

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fawe his eyes both bright and burning bas a flame of fire: He must fee

most clearely, who by his word oinlighteneth mans eyes: This was the

Pialmists reasoning d Hee that formed the eye shall he not see? All other

guides are but like these Pharifees whom Christ called . Blind guides. 2. A guide had neede to be a mife

man: * There bee many difficulties betweene vs and heaven: As the people of God went thorow f a Wilder-

nesse, before they could enter into Canaan, so must wee passe & thorow many tribulations before that we can come to glory: There is no wisedome

but the wisedome of Go p, which can lead vs into that land of Righteousnelle.

3. As a guide must bee wife, so must hee bee willing: * The LORD is most willing to guide all mandering sinners: His delight is to doe good to the Children of men: Hee will most lovingly say to a wearied finner, that which DAVID faith

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4. As God is wife and willing, for is he able to make way vnto his owne: whether it bee thorow fire or water, nothing can withstand his power: In the fire fornace he made a way vnto the i three Children: The k red sea hee divided for to make a passage for his owne Ifrael: Hee who made the 1 mantle of Elijab to divide the Iordan, that Elisha might passe through: And Hee who can of a m Camell make a threed for to passe thorow a needles eye, can easily guide his owne through all dangers and difficulties whattoever, were it through the " Valley of the shadow of death.

The doctrine I gather heere is, that the Lor D is hee, who is the furest guide in the world: Flesh o and heart may faile man, but the LORD never faileth. There bee no man fo wife in guiding, but his wifedome at last, like P Ahitophels Counsell may bee turned into folie, but 9 the folie of GOD is miser than all the

misedome of men.

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3. 25. k. Exod.

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10. 25. n. Psal.

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The vie: Let this ever bee a part of our prayer, that the LORD month be our guide. * He who guided the two kine to 'Bethshemesh, though they lowed for the love of their Calues, can easily find to vs an outgate in the greatest throng of all our temptations, and that vnto the praise of the glory of his grace.

THE SECOND PART. WHO IS GVIDED.

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OW let vs see whom the Lord is said to guide heere: Thou shalt guide mee, saith the Seer.

* Consider and weigh well I pray you, how this great man of God, a Prophet, a Seer, trusteth not into his owne wits, but committeth himselfe altogether to Gods guiding. The dollrine I observe is, that meake is the mit of man; All men have neede to bee guided by the Lord Is any have neede of a guide; sooles have neede: wee are all but sooles by nature: David in this Psalme acknowledgeth his folly, So foolish, (saith hee,)

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beaft before thee.

vpon our owne wiscome: 1 Let not the wise man glory in his wisedome, nor the strong man in his strength. When David both a King and a Prophet, declareth that he hath neede to be guided, who is he who by his owne wisedome can walke in the may of Righteousnesse? All men are sinners: By sinne a nran is missed from the right way. Sinne maketh a man both like a Planet, and a Comer, like a Comer in substance silthy, like a Planet, in course ever wandring to and fro All the

wicked are but corruptible Comers,

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* Thus as yee fee the Soule of man is naturally deprived of its fine fona. Math.

b. 2. Cor. 2. 16.

c. Cant. 2. 1.

d Ephof. 5. 2.

e. Iohn.

12. 3.

f. Iohn. 20.29.

g. Math,

9. 21. h. Luke.

8. 45.

i. Heb. 5. 14.

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